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Applicant: Shida, M. et al.

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BATTERY

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I claims 1-17 and Group II claims 18-26.

In response, applicants hereby elect examination of Group I claims 1-17.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

In the Office Action, the Examiner also requested an election of species pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between the species of Group I consisting of polyvinylidene fluoride, polyacrylonitrile, acrylonitrile butadiene-rubber, acrylonitrile butadiene styrene resin, acrylonitrile polyethylene chloride propylene diene styrene resin, acrylonitrile vinyl chloride resin, acrylonitrile

metaacrylate resin, acrylonitrile acrylate resin and polyethylene oxide, polyether denatured siloxane, a copolymer of polyvinidene fluoride, a copolymer of polyacrylonitrile and a copolymer of polyethylene oxide.


In response, applicants hereby elect the species described in Group I polyvinylidene fluoride Claims 1-17 (although Claim 15 includes polyvinylidene fluoride in a Markush group).

Respectfully submitted,

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